(d) whether Government propose to convene an All Party Conference to work out the autonomous structure of the electronic media ?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (KUMARI GIRIJA VYAS): (a) and (b) Doordarshan endeavours to mount programmes in various forms based on their pogramme requirements and topicality. However, there is no poposal, at present to revive the Janvani programme.

(c) The gross revenues earned by Doordarshan through 'Tipu Sultan' serial in repect of advertisements and sponsorship is Rs. 19.54 crores.

(d) There is no such proposal at present.

Biotechnology industries in Madhya Pradesh

596. SHRI SURESH PACHOURI: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that biotechnology industries are being promoted in India;

(b) if so, the location wise and area-wise details of industries so far promoted by the Department of Biotechnology; and

(c) the number of biotechnology industries promoted so far by Government (Department of Biotechnology) in Madhya Pradesh ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS (SMT. MARGARET ALVA): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Department of Biotechnology (DBT) is promoting interaction between the R&D Institutes and the Industries, with a view to transferring indigenously developed products and services for adoption by the industry. For this purpose a Venture Capital Company, Biotech Consortium India Ltd. has been establishing under IDBI with equity participation from other financial institutions and private industry.

The DBT is also taking steps to set up industries in areas of national priority. Two industries namely, M/s. Bharat Immunologicals and Biologicals Corporation Ltd., Bulandshahar, U.P. and M/s. Indian Vaccine Corporation Ltd., Gurgaon, Haryana have been promoted in the area of vaccines production.

(c) Efforts are being made to establish Biotech Industries in various sectors in Madhya Pradesh.

Age bar prescribed for Government jobs

597. SHRI SURESH PACHOURI: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) what is the maximum age limit prescribed for entry into Government Services;

(b) whether Government are aware that the age bar has adversely affected millions of youth particularly from rural parts who have crossed the age bar and thus become ineligible for Government services, forever; and

(c) if so, whether Government propose to abolish the age bar ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS (SMT. MARGARET ALVA): (a) The upper age limits prescribed for recruitment to various posts under the Central Government range from 25 to 50 years depending on the nature and category of each post and the qualifications and experience prescribed for recruitment.

(b) Government jobs being limited, raising the age limit by itself will not help to provide more employment opportunities for the youth.

(c) There is no proposal to abolish the upper age limit.

Reviewing performance of new departments

598. SHRI SURESH PACHOURI: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that some new departments were separately carved out over the past few years for very specific